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Dear Sir:

I wonder if you would be kind enough to help me.

I'm in my second year at a liberal arts college, and have finally decided that I am going to specialize in bacteriology.

Naturally, I want to take all the courses required in order to gain admittance for graduate work in that field ~~two~~ years from now. A study of your catalog does not make it perfectly clear what credits I must have in the allied fields of chemistry and physics in order to apply for entrance.

I want to know what courses I must have prior to admission; and, if I'm missing any, which could I make up after admission. Further, I hope to be able to go on for a doctorate in this field and I'd like to know, in terms of that objective, what courses in biochemistry, organic chemistry and physical chemistry do you, in general, require a student to take during approximately the first two years of graduate studies. I have heard that a very strong background in chemistry (is that right?) is necessary for this general type of work and therefore I should like to get as much detailed information as possible.

You will certainly help me a lot by giving me this information. Please accept in advance my gratitude for your kind assistance.

Very truly yours,

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